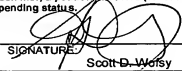


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP/2003/012659	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12 November 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 20 November 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION SECONDARY SEALING ELEMENT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Peter Dröschner et al.		
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